

## GREEN POWER COMMUNITY PARTNERS

### Samish Indian Nation

In 2004, the Samish Indian Nation of Anacortes, WA developed a comprehensive Strategic Energy Plan with a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, Ridolfi Inc., and Shuksan Energy. This plan set policy for future development on tribal land with a long-term, integrated, systems approach for using resources efficiently, creating energy-efficient infrastructures, and enhancing quality of life.

The Strategic Energy Plan will help the Samish Indian Nation foster a healthy community capable of sustaining current and future generations by addressing economic, environmental, and social issues, while continuing to respect the Samish Indian Nation culture and traditions.

As an initial step on its path to realizing this Tribal energy vision, the Samish Nation became the first Native American Tribe to join the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Green Power Partnership in October 2004.

In support of its commitment, the Tribe has made the following statement:

Recognizing both the economic and environmental risks of dependence on fossil fuels and other conventional energy sources, the Tribe is implementing a long-term sustainable energy strategy starting with a commitment to obtain at least 10% of their electricity from new renewable energy sources within the next year. This commitment has been realized by joining Puget Sound Energy's Green Power Program.

The Tribe has also completed several programs with PSE. The lighting rebate program allowed the Tribe to change out old fluorescent lights and ballasts at the Tribal Long House, which houses the Samish Daycare, preschool program and lunch room, and the Administration building. The elders who use the Long House for many functions commented on the new lighting by saying, "Now we can finally see when we do our beadwork."

These activities demonstrate a comprehensive partnership with PSE on both energy efficiency measures and through its support of the Green Power Program.



### Large Volume Green Power Community Partners

The organizations listed below are purchasing green power through our new large volume purchase agreement, made possible this year. They have all committed to 1,000,000 kWh or more per year of renewable energy purchases.

Federal Aviation Administration

PSE's Bellevue Headquarters

State of Washington Military Department

The Evergreen State College\*

Washington State Capitol Building and Grounds

Washington State Department of Ecology

Western Washington University\*

*\*Currently "greening" 100% of their electricity*